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Performance of New Hydel Projects

Scheme under Examination in CEA

Revised Detailed Project Report of one hydro electric project viz. Malshej Ghat (Pimpalgaon Joge) Pumped Storage Scheme (2 x 300 MW) was received in Central Electricity Authority from Government of Maharashtra, Irrigation Department [GOMID] in December, 1997 at an estimated cost of Rs. 908.52 crores (1995-96 price level). The Report is under examination in Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission. Comments regarding completeness and various inputs, hydro power planning and cost of E&M Works have been sent to GOMID in December 1997 and February, 1998. As per Detailed Project Report the entire scheme is proposed to be completed in a period of 7 years.

Scheme Returned to Project Authorities

Revised Detailed Project Report of Chikhaldara Pumped Storage Scheme (2 x 200 MW) was received in Central Electricity Authority in March, 1995 at an estimated cost of Rs. 931.74 crores (1994-95 price level). The scheme was examined in CEA/CWC and cleared from hydel civil design, hydrology, CMDD, CMC, irrigation planning, electrical & mechanical designs and system appraisal aspects. However, Government of Maharashtra vide their letter dated 9.12.96 had stated that clearance of the project from Central Electricity Authority is not felt necessary as the estimated cost is not exceeding Rs. 1000 crores and the scheme is proposed to be posed to private investors through competitive bidding. Central Electricity Authority vide letter dated 26.12.96 has informed Government of Maharashtra that in view of the above techno-economic clearance is no more under consideration in central Electricity Authority.

STD/ISD Facilities in Bihar

653. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (Jhanjharpur) : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the exchanges in Bihar provided with STD/ISD facilities;

(b) the number of exchanges yet to be provided with such facilities; and

(c) the number of exchanges proposed to be provided with STD/ISD facilities in Bihar during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) 24 Exchanges are yet to be provided with STD facility.

(c) All the remaining 24 exchanges are planned to be provided with STD facility during 1998-99 subject to availability of resources.

Present Status of Maulana Azad Urdu University

654. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in setting up Maulana Azad Urdu University in Hyderabad;

(b) whether the officers of the University have been appointed and if so, their names and dates of appointment and, if not, the time by which they are likely to be appointed;

(c) whether the various other authorities as envisaged in the Act have also been set up, if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which they are likely to be set up;

(d) the quantum of funds made available to the University so far, year-wise; and

(e) the time by which the University is likely to become functional?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Subsequent to the appointments of the first Vice-chancellor and the first Registrar by the Visitor, the following progress has been made in setting up to the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad:

(i) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has allotted 200 acres of land for the University.

(ii) Administrative office at Hyderabad has been set up with the skeleton staff.

(iii) Regional offices at Delhi, Patna and Bangalore have been approved.

(iv) Two symposia have been organised by the University to formulate its developmental proposals layout.

(b) Dr. Md. Shamim Jairajpuri, Prof. of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as the first V.C. of the University w.e.f. 9/1/1998; and Dr. Md. Suleman Siddiqi, Prof. of Islamic Studies, University College of Arts & Social Sciences Osmania University has been appointed as the first Registrar w.e.f. 1/5/1998.

(c) The process of constituting the first Executive Council of the University has already been set in motion

(d) A sum of Rs. 100 lakhs was released to the University during the year 1997-98.

(e) The University is expected to start its academic activities during the ensuing academic year.